REAL ID Update

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“The federal government should set standards for the issuance of birth certificates and sources of identification, such as driver’s licenses. …

Sources of identification are the last opportunity to ensure that people are who they say they are and to check whether they are terrorists.”

--9/11 Commission Report  
  p.390
REAL ID Act Overview

- Establishes minimum standards for the secure issuance of state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards.
- Prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes driver’s licenses and identification cards from non-compliant states. These purposes are:
  - Accessing Federal facilities
  - Boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft
  - Entering nuclear power plants
- Covers 56 jurisdictions: 50 states, DC and 5 territories.
- Authorizes DHS to:
  - Issue regulations and set standards
  - Determine whether a state is meeting the minimum standards based on certifications submitted by the state
  - Grant states an extensions of time to meet the compliance deadline if the state provides adequate justification for noncompliance
  - Make grants to states
REAL ID Act Overview

**DOES:**

- Require presentation & verification of documentation showing:
  - Full legal name
  - Date of birth
  - Social Security Number
  - Address of principal residence and
  - Evidence of lawful status

- Require Card Design to Include:
  - Biographic information, digital photo, signature, & card number
  - Physical/Anti-counterfeit security features
  - Common machine-readable technology

- Require Safeguards for the Issuance and Production of Licenses
  - Copy & retain source document information
  - Secure production facilities & document materials and
  - Background checks & fraudulent document training for employees

**DOES NOT:**

- Does **not** create a national ID card, a Federal database of driver information, or new Federal access to state data

- Does **not** authorize DHS to regulate issuance of driver’s licenses and identification cards by states
  - State participation is voluntary.
  - Consequences for not meeting the standards

- Does **not** prevent any state from issuing noncompliant driver’s licenses or identification cards
  - Noncompliant cards must incorporate a unique design and clearly indicate that the document may not be accepted for official purposes
REAL ID Status of States

As of October 15, 2019

- **Compliant (51)**
- **Noncompliant – Extension granted (3)**
- **Under Review (2)**
REAL ID Updates

- Residents of Freely Associated States
- Acceptance of Marked Noncompliant Cards
- National REAL ID Adoption Numbers
- REAL ID Issuance Streamlining Proposals
- Mobile Driver’s License
## REAL ID Phased Enforcement

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What happens if I show up without a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or state ID?

- Starting October 1, 2020, every traveler will need to present a REAL ID-compliant license or another acceptable form of identification to fly within the U.S.
- Passengers who are unable to verify their identity will not be permitted through the security checkpoint.
Alternative ID Documents

- U.S. passport
- U.S. passport card
- Enhanced Driver’s License (EDL) – Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Washington, and Vermont
- DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. military ID (active duty or retired military and their dependents, and DoD civilians)
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential
- Permanent resident card
- Border crossing card
- Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID
- HSPD-12 PIV card
- Foreign government-issued passport
- Canadian provincial driver’s license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card
- Transportation worker identification credential (TWIC)
- Immigration and Naturalization Service Employment Authorization Card (I-766)
REAL ID Public Outreach

- **State Activities**
  - Website: FAQs, videos, stories, graphics, press releases
  - Social media blasts, Targeted follow up to drivers
  - Mailing inserts, reminder cards, publications, handouts, brochures
  - Community information sessions, Town hall meetings
  - Email notifications, Office signage, video loops, mobile office/car wraps
  - Call centers, Automated messages while on hold
  - Newspaper and magazine ads, Paid media/advertising

- **Federal Government Activities**
  - DHS Websites: State Compliance Status, FAQs, Authorities, REAL ID Marketing Toolkit – Signs, videos, bookmarks, REAL ID examples
  - TSA checkpoint area: signage, videos, and verbal reminders [NEW]
  - Engagement with Travel Industry and State/National Associations
  - Federal Interagency Security Committee: signage and best practices

- **Industry Activities**
  - Surveys to assess traveler awareness
  - Notifications and reminders to customers
  - Additional efforts underway
For More Information:

- **DHS REAL ID websites**
  - [www.dhs.gov/real-id](http://www.dhs.gov/real-id)
  - [www.tsa.gov/real-id](http://www.tsa.gov/real-id)

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